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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT DELEGATION TO GUINEA

1. OFFICIAL NIGERIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY NIGERIAN FEDERAL COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VISITED GUINEA AUGUST 4-6, 1977 TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. GUINEA'S PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE IN TALKS SEEMS TO BE STIMULATION OF NIGERIAN INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPING GUINEAN MINERAL RESOURCES. GUINEAN PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENT EUPHEMISTICALLY REFERRED TO COOPERATION (READ INVESTMENT) IN INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY, RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, AND FISHING. DELEGATION DISCUSSED FURTHER ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN GENERAL TERMS AND APPARENTLY NO SPECIFICS WERE AGREED ON.

2. ASKED TO CHARACTERIZE THE TALKS, NIGERIAN DIPLOMAT IN CONAKRY STATED THAT "THEY ENHANCED THE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES." HE DENIED THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF "ECONOMIC INTEGRATION" (I.E. ECOWAS) WAS FURTHERED. GUINEA OFFICIAL CONFIRMED THAT VIEW.

3. NIGERIAN AND GUINEAN OFFICIALS AGREED TO FUTURE SALE OF NIGERIAN COAL TO GUINEA. PRICES, DATES AND TONNAGES
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WERE LEFT UNDEFINED. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHY GUINEA WOULD WANT NIGERIAN COAL SINCE IT HAS NO COAL-FED OPERATIONS AT PRESENT. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT NIGERIA WOULD PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE BAUXITE PROJECT IN GUINEA. THIS MIGHT INVOLVE REDUCTION OF BAUXITE TO ALUMINA IN GUINEA AND PRODUCTION OF ALUMINUM IN NIGERIA.

4. MIFERGUI-NIMBA IRON ORE PROJECT, IN WHICH NIGERIA IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FOREIGN INVESTORS, WAS ALSO DISCUSSED. WE BELIEVE THAT NIGERIANS WERE BRIEFED ON POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION OF U.S. STEEL IN PROJECT (WHICH THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO VETO).

5. ONE PROCEDURAL RESULT OF VISIT WAS MINISTERIAL-LEVEL CONSULTATION MECHANISM TO BE ARRANGED BETWEEN NIGERIA AND GUINEA.
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